

are running along every day it is important that the contributions keep coming in.

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#### Notes From Zed H. Copp

The attendance at all services is remarkably good for the "vacation season." There are some of the truest bondservants of the dear Master here in Dayton that it has ever been my good fortune to meet. Rapid progress is being made in every department of church work, and those who contribute to the support of this work can rest assured that their offering is bringing, thru the ministration of the Spirit, a *hundred fold* return. It is of God and therefore neither *external* nor *internal* hindrances can overcome it. The home hinderers have long since lost their power, but now those high in authority elsewhere who should help are hindering. "They are dead" was the message God telegraphed to Joseph about the first hinderers of the work of redemption and he still remembers his own and will deliver them out of every trouble.

The Aid Society has elected Mrs. Copp president, Mrs. Louie Deeter resigning. The sisters are a consecrated band and are a great aid to the church in every way. They hope to work in harmony with the National Union, beginning in September.

The King's Children of Christian Endeavor are holding a three nights' lawn social. This is not the highest Christian method of maintaining a church but it's infinitely better than to have to be constantly begging and owing or desert the work. As long as the Master approves, others will please mind their own affairs. "One eateth meat and another doeth not." We are glad the Dayton church is of that broad, deep and powerful spirit that exercises charity. The more I see of the actions of these dear children of our heavenly Father the more I am made to love them. May we always live in the "unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace."

One of the foremost workers—a *real wonder*—is brother Ed Smith, who for zeal, consecration, ingenuity, energy and social qualities is unsurpassed.

Special thanks to sisters Wyley Teeter, of Dayton, and Lizzie Beeghly, of Bear Creek, for splendid donations of choice vegetables, etc.

## Church News

#### Fairview and Middlebranch

As our letter escaped the waste basket we will write again and tell you all. Since our last we have been permitted to enjoy a communion service at Middlebranch. Had a very enjoyable time, brother J. L. Kimmel, their former pastor, being with us. There were two more baptized the day of the communion. We also have had the pleasure of enjoying children's day services at Fairview on June 18th and at Middlebranch on June 25th and we were made very grateful for the privilege for they were both a success in

every way. The evenings were perfect, the services complete, the congregations large, the order most excellent and everybody seemed to be happy and I was made to say if this is children's day what will heaven be. Missionary collections were taken at both places and we feel that those congregations are in a prosperous condition and the outlook for the future is very bright. We were permitted to enjoy another favor at Middlebranch by securing Brother Copp from Dayton to preach for us on Sunday evening June 11th and he gave us a very able and interesting discourse that was enjoyed by all. I baptized a lady last Sunday at Fairview that had come twenty-five miles to unite with the church.

ISAAC ROSS.

#### Jones Mills' Items

Jones' Mills has not been heard from for some time but we are not dead. We meet every Sunday in Sunday-school and spend a very profitable and interesting hour in the study of the lesson. We have a Young People's Society that meets every week. On the Sunday when there is no preaching it holds its meeting immediately after Sunday-school, and when there is preaching the young people meet just before the preaching service in the evening. We believe that much good is done thru these meetings both to those who take part and to those who listen.

Our preaching services are held both morning and evening every two weeks. Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Vernon each receive a sermon on the alternate Sunday.

Several years ago a mission point was started at Bear Rock schoolhouse. Nothing has been done there for the last two years. The work there has been taken up and will receive as much attention as we can give it. There are about ten faithful members there. While we have nothing great or unusual to report we feel that the hand of God is leading us as a church. We feel the ties of Christian love growing stronger and praise his name for it.

MARCUS A. WITTER.

#### A Short Reply to Brother Rensch

I am very sorry that our dear brother was not more careful in stating what I said in my article; then there would have been no need of a reply. Usually when one states what a man has written the mass take it for granted that he has so written without referring to the article. I am very sure if I thought my articles were referred to by the various readers after reading these replies which largely are misrepresentations I would not reply.

Dear Brother Rensch quotes me as saying: "That until I had paid as much as he I had no right to oppose widening the field." Then he says, "I am surprised at the arguments used by our brother." He goes on and says, "I am engaged in a great work for a principle and I cannot lower my calling by replying to quibbles." Further he says he is convinced more than ever "That we need *men* more than *money*;" that churches are in turmoil because A says to B "You have no right to have much say in the meeting be-

cause you don't pay much." Such a spirit! He insinuates as if I taught that "Money was worth more than brains." He goes on, "Brethren can we not get more dignity in our profession?" He broods over the assertion that he drew from what he supposed I meant and reaches his climax by saying: "*How can we expect our churches to appeal to cultured and sensible people when the ministry does so many uncouth things?*" (Italics mine.) I have quoted largely to show you what a great thing a little fire kindleth. First, he misquotes what I said, then he draws inferences and conclusions as far from the facts as our little home work is from China. Again he withdraws what I said from the circumstances; this also makes it appear worse. I first spoke of what our world wide missionary society was doing for the college, then for the foreign field in gathering money. I went on to show that those churches that took great interest in foreign missions took best care of their home missions. Then I stated how we had to struggle to save college and how we threw ourselves into the breach to save it. I did this to show that we *were* not and *are* not an enemy to home work nor the college because we were interested in foreign work. But that the facts proved the opposite. In spite of all these facts my brother tries to make it appear in his article that I mean the word "Go" refers to the foreign field only, all the facts as shown by what I have preached and written proves that I believe the word "go" means what it says, into ALL THE WORLD and not a little of the United States.

After showing the little sacrifice that we did in the way of work, money, self denial, then I positively stated that I considered it nothing in comparison to the work of the apostles. Then I spoke of the work suffering at Marion and said I was sorry. Then I stated how a brother by self denial helped the Washington Mission. Then I added the wonderful sentence from which my brother gathered so much ammunition. I will give it in italics. "*Until you have made some such sacrifices please don't oppose widening the field.*" I made this statement the beginning of a new paragraph hence including the sacrifices of what preceded in the article and I distinctly stated that I considered them nothing in comparison to what they ought to be. Also showed that it included work, brains, prayers and money.

Then my brother draws the conclusion that I think unless a man gives much money he ought not to have much say. *A thing I never said nor thought of.* I believe that the man who does what he can if he gives but a penny ought to have as much say as the man who gave his millions, and if I left any other impression it is not what I believe. I did not mention Brother Rensch's name and I said things that referred to others and not all to him. Much I said referred to his article but I was replying to the argument and did not care to be personal. Then to misapply what I said and say "can't lower my calling by replying to quibbles," "We